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basis, they can overcome that right. When I go through this weighing process in my mind, I come down on the side of elderly people because they are harmed in so many ways. When it comes to healthcare, providing pay for the utilities to keep them warm in the winter or cool in the summer if possible, sometimes just to keep their lights, their gas and their water turned on. don't want to inconvenience them otherwise when it comes to their personal health. Maybe you and I can have a cold and we will throw it off without using any medication. Somebody else can be so elderly or so infirm that a cold could be the entree to pneumonia or emphysema or anything else. I don't know what all. So they have to preserve their health to the extent that they can. If anything comes along that can harm or weaken them, they try to nip that in the bud. I think the interests of the elderly overbalances the fear that people have of one of these meth cookers sending these kids into the store to buy this methamphetamine. With the rest of the things you have in the bill, the purchase, the amount that can be purchased is limited. It won't be where they can say, take \$40, go in the store and buy me as many of these as you can. If a group of kids came in together, ...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and each one was going to try to purchase what the law allows, that could be sufficient to raise suspicion so the clerk would not sell it to any of them. But if one child comes, accompanied by some friends, and one box of Sudafed is going to be purchased, the fact that there is a group of kids should not prevent that purchase from being carried out. So I come down on the side of the elderly. If there is another number, a lower age, I haven't given my mind to that yet. But that is an area where we might could come together, but I definitely am opposed to 18.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR AGUILAR: How much time do I have left?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Not very much.